

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 300 of 1949

257.301 Valid operator's or chauffeur's license required; group designation and indorsements; surrender of other valid licenses; notice; number of licenses permitted; certifying nonpossession of valid license.

Sec. 301. (1) Except as provided in this act, a person shall not drive a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless that person has a valid operator's or chauffeur's license with the appropriate group designation and indorsements for the type or class of vehicle being driven or towed. A resident of this state holding a commercial driver's license group indorsement issued by another state shall apply for a license transfer within 30 days after establishing domicile in this state.

(2) A person shall not receive a license to operate a motor vehicle until that person surrenders to the secretary of state all valid licenses to operate a motor vehicle issued to that person by this or any state or certifies that he or she does not possess a valid license. The secretary of state shall notify the issuing state that the licensee is now licensed in this state.

(3) A person shall not have more than 1 valid driver's license.

(4) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle as a chauffeur unless that person holds a valid chauffeur's license. A person shall not receive a chauffeur's license until that person surrenders to the secretary of state a valid operator's or chauffeur's license issued to that person by this or any state or certifies that he or she does not possess a valid license.

(5) A person holding a valid chauffeur's license need not procure an operator's license.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;—Am. 1967, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Apr. 21, 1967;—Am. 1978, Act 139, Eff. May 1, 1979;—Am. 1980, Act 398, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;—Am. 1988, Act 346, Eff. Jan. 1, 1990;—Am. 2011, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Sept. 30, 2011.

Compiler's note: Section 2 of Act 346 of 1988 provides:

“(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this amendatory act shall take effect October 1, 1989.

“(2) Sections 634, 710g, 722, 723, 724, 802, and 907 of this amendatory act shall take effect January 1, 1989.

“(3) Sections 4B and 801 of this amendatory act shall take effect upon the date of enactment of this amendatory act.”

Section 2 of Act 173 of 1989 provides:

“(1) The amendments made to sections 8b, 57, 67a, 301, 303, 305, 306, 307, 309, 310, 312d, 312e, 312f, 312g, 312h, 314, 314b, 319a, 321a, 323, 728, 732, 743, and 907 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, being sections 257.8b, 257.57, 257.67a, 257.301, 257.303, 257.305, 257.306, 257.307, 257.309, 257.310, 257.312d, 257.312e, 257.312f, 257.312g, 257.312h, 257.314, 257.314b, 257.319a, 257.321a, 257.323, 257.728, 257.732, 257.743, and 257.907 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1988 shall take effect January 1, 1990.

“(2) Enacting section 2 of Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1988 is repealed.”